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SUBJECT: WEST AFRICAN MEDIATION IN EAST AFRICA

REF: MONROVIA 1125 (NOTAL)

1. NIGERIAN FONMIN GARBA VISITED KENYA ON FEB. 15, BEARING MESSAGE FROM OBASANJO FOR KENYATTA (WHICH HE DELIVERED THROUGH FOREIGN MINISTRY). GARBA ARRIVED FROM TANZANIA AND WENT ON TO UGANDA. HE TOLD PRESS IN NAIROBI THAT NIGERIA CONCERNED ABOUT DETERIORATING RELATIONS BETWEEN TANZANIA AND KENYA. CLOSE ON GARBA'S HEELS WAS LIBERIAN FOREIGN MINISTER DENNIS WHO ALSO REPORTEDLY OFFERED TO MEDIATE BETWEEN KENYA AND TANZANIA (REFTEL).

2. GARBA SOUGHT TO PLAY MEDIATING ROLE BETWEEN KENYA AND UGANDA FOLLOWING ENTEBBE RAID LAST SUMMER, BUT WITHOUT NOTABLE IMPACT ON SITUATION. NEITHER HE NOR
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DENNIS ARE LIKELY TO ACHIEVE MUCH THIS TIME EITHER.
WE UNDERSTAND NEITHER OF THEM WAS INVITED BY GOK.

3. ONE REASON FOR NIGERIAN AND LIBERIAN CONCERN ABOUT DIVISIVENESS IN EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY IS REPORTEDLY THEIR FEAR THAT DEMISE OF EAC WOULD HAVE NEGATIVE IMPACT ON ECONOMIC INTEGRATION EFFORTS IN WEST AFRICA.

4. IN THE CASE OF GARBA, AT LEAST, PURPOSE OF TRIP
TO EAST AFRICA MAY HAVE BEEN PRIMARILY TO DRUM UP
SUPPORT FOR NIGERIAN POSITIONS AT FORTHCOMING OAU
MINISTERIAL IN LOME, E.G., ON RHODESIA.
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